

recognize their electoral strength but feel that in the battle of ideology their main task is to puncture fatuous liberal ideas.

The consequence is that Republicans are less used to exposing their own ideas to challenges than they should be. Today's liberals know there is a challenge to every aspect of their world view. All they have to do is turn on the radio. Today's conservatives are more likely to think that any contrary ideas are leftovers from the tired 1960s, much as liberals of the Kennedy era thought that conservatives were in thrall to Herbert Hoover. In addition, the conservatives' understanding of modern history makes them think that their instincts are likely to be right and that their critics will be proved wrong. Europeans scorned Ronald Reagan, and the United Nations feared him, but in the end the Soviet Union was gone. So for reasons of personal, political, and intellectual history, it is understandable that members of this Administration could proceed down one path in defiance of mounting evidence of its perils. The Democrats had similar destructive self-confidence in the 1960s, when they did their most grandiose Great Society thinking.

The third factor is the nature of the President himself. Leadership is always a balance between making large choices and being aware of details. George W. Bush has an obvious preference for large choices. This gave him his chance for greatness after the September 11 attacks. But his lack of curiosity about significant details may be his fatal weakness. When the decisions of the past eighteen months are assessed and judged, the Administration will be found wanting for its carelessness. Because of warnings it chose to ignore, it squandered American prestige, fortune, and lives.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ORVILLE ROUCH

HON. SCOTT MCINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to a remarkable man from my district. Orville Rouch of Pueblo, Colorado, died recently at the age of eighty-five. Orville was a patriot, a devoted family man and a father who will be missed by many in the community. I think it appropriate that we remember his life here today.

After serving his nation in the Army during World War II, Orville returned to the states and enrolled in the San Francisco College of Mortuary Science. He soon joined the family business started by his parents, the Rouch Funeral Home, which has served the community for over eighty years. Orville was an active member of the Pueblo Charter Lions Club, Pueblo Masonic Lodge 17, and the First United Methodist Church. Orville cherished the relationships he established in the civic community. He will be forever remembered for his dedication to his business and community, and most of all, Orville will be remembered as a loving father to his two sons.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the life of Orville Rouch. Orville was remarkable man who served the Pueblo community and State of Colorado selflessly. My heart goes out to his family during this difficult time of bereavement.

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA LAFFER ZIEGLER

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me today in paying tribute to Martha Laffer Ziegler who passed away during the congressional recess. Martha served as the District Representative in my congressional office from 1981 until 1985, but her public service long predated our association, and she continued to work for the community after she moved on to the private sector.

Martha Ziegler played an active role in the political life of San Mateo County for nearly four decades beginning in the 1960s. She developed her political skills working to elect Governor Edmund G. "Pat" Brown in 1958 and 1962. She fought for civil rights, women's rights, and the environment, and was an advocate against the Vietnam war. With a reputation as a skilled political organizer, she directed numerous campaigns in San Mateo County, including the McGovern presidential campaign in 1972.

In 1980, Martha joined me in my first campaign for Congress. In that year of the Reagan landslide, Mr. Speaker, I was the only Democratic challenger to defeat an un-indicted Republican incumbent. I am grateful for Martha's help in that effort. After my election, I asked Martha to be my District Representative in my office in San Mateo, California. We worked together for four years, until she took a position in the private sector. She continued to play an active political roll, serving as a member of the Northern California Steering Committee for the Gore presidential campaign in 1988. She also assisted in fund raising for the Clinton-Gore campaigns in 1992 and 1996.

Mr. Speaker, Martha Laffer was born in Jewell, Kansas, in 1926. She received a degree in economics from the University of Kansas in 1947 and on June 17, 1948, married Robert Boynton Ziegler. They settled in the Bay Area, where her husband established a medical practice, and in 1957 they moved to Redwood City. Martha and Robert Ziegler were the parents of four children—Robert, Nancy, David and Daniel.

In addition to her extensive community and political service, Martha was a devoted wife and mother, lover of animals, and wonderful cook and gardener, with a passion for music and literature. She was a singer, first with the West Bay Opera Company and later with the California Bach Society, which she co-founded in 1974 with music director Edwin Flath.

Mr. Speaker, in 1990, Martha and Bob Ziegler moved from Redwood City to Heraldsgburg, California, where they were winegrowers and active in the community for over a decade. Martha passed away in Heraldsgburg last December. I invite my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to her.

TRIBUTE TO LON MANN

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Arkansas' finest citizens, Lon

Mann. I am proud to recognize Lon in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his profession, his family, his state and this nation.

A third generation farmer, Mr. Mann returned from World War II to continue in the family tradition as a cotton producer and gin-ner as a partner at McClendon Mann & Felton Gin Company in Marianna, AR. He was a leader in the revitalization of the National Cotton Council of America and served as its president as he advocated for America's cotton farmers. He also served as president of the Mid-South Ginners Council and the Agricultural Council of Arkansas, as a trustee of the National Cotton Council's Cotton Foundation and was rightfully inducted into the Arkansas Agricultural Hall of Fame. Mr. Mann was the recipient of numerous awards including the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service "Cotton Achievement" award, the Harry Baker Award from the National Cotton Council and the Horace Hayden Cotton Ginner of the Year Award in 2000.

Mr. Mann's efforts extended beyond the cotton fields into the community as Chairman of the Board of Methodist Hospital and Health Systems in Memphis, TN, and president of the Marianna-Lee County School Board.

Lon Mann was a faithful and dedicated husband to his wife, June, a loving father to daughters June, Louise and Burkley and son William, and the proud grandfather of six grandchildren. Throughout his life, he was dedicated to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his priceless contributions. I will be forever honored by our friendship.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies to Lon's family, and gratitude for all he did.

TRIBUTE TO JAY LAWHON

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen. I am proud to recognize Jay Lawhon in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, his family, his state and this nation.

Mr. Lawhon was born on a small farm near Harrison in northwest Arkansas in 1919. After serving in the Navy in World War II, Mr. Lawhon moved to southeast Arkansas to become a vocational agriculture teacher. He served as principal of McCrory High School before beginning his career in the seed industry. Mr. Lawhon opened Lawhon Farm Supply in the late 1950's, and passed the thriving business to his son, Noal, in 1975 in order to begin his work as a missionary.

As lay leader in McCrory's Methodist Church and founder of the World Christian Relief Fund, Mr. Lawhon made several humanitarian trips to Bangladesh when floods and famine struck in the 1970's. He later traveled to Haiti to help build a hospital and continued to visit the country to teach Haitians to drill and repair wells for water and plant trees.

Jay Lawhon was a faithful and dedicated husband to his wife, Lillian, a loving father to